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SENATOR MURPHY: I move that the amendment be adopted. This bill provides in it's present form that all Class 3 school districts shall conduct both a primary and a general election. In the past we've elected our school boards in the primary. Now the cost of an election is born by the school district. In the past 10 years none of the Class 3 school districts in my total district have had more than 2 candidates per position which is what this bill provides. So we would be needlessly, for the past 10 years, we would needlessly have had the expense of a primary election. All this amendment does is to say in the first instance that a school district may run their candidates in the primary should there be more than 2 candidates per position, and that the Election Commission if at the time of closing does not have more than 2 candidates for each position that he shall not put the school district to the needless expense of a primary election to prove only what they will have in the General election. I move it's adoption.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Very briefly, Mr. President. I would like to support Senator Murphy's motion. We talked about it. It resolves a problem for a number of Class 3 school districts and Senator Kremer, I think that probably resolved the problem for you too.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: I would like to..Senator would you yield to a question please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR STAHMER: I didn't catch the first word you said there. They may, if there is 2 or more...or is it mandatory for the 2 that there will be a primary.

SENATOR MURPHY: No. The present..the wording in the present bill, Senator Stahmer, is that the..all school districts, all Class 3 districts, shall conduct a primary election. Then it goes on into the bill that the Election Commission shall place not more than 2 names on the general election ballot for each position. Now I'm saying that if there are not more than 2 names in the primary, that the primary be foregone and that those 2 names be submitted in the general.

SENATOR STAHMER: But in the provision that there are more than 2 names in the primary, there then would be a primary election.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes.

SENATOR STAHMER: O.K. That's fine. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now of the motion? The question is, Shall the specific amendment then be adopted. Excuse me. Senator Murphy are you all through explaining your motion. Do you have any closing?

SENATOR MURPHY: No, sir.